

# Westmoreland, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday, 12 noon - 8 pm, Tuesday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 7:30 am - 2 pm, 6 pm - 8:30 pm, Wednesday, 6 pm - 8:30 pm, Thursday, 7:30 am - 11 am**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Cheshire**  
**Keene NH Micro-NECTA**  
**Monadnock**  
**Southwest Region**  
**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts  
US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 2**  
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**District 10**  
**Cheshire County District 1**

**Incorporated:** 1752

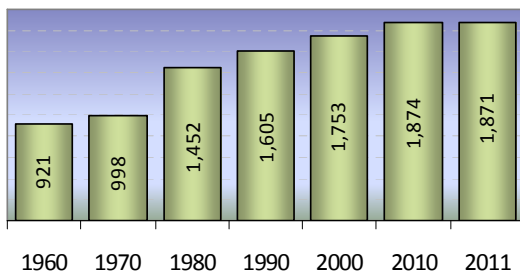
**Origin:** This territory was chartered by the Massachusetts government in 1735 as Number 2, being second in the line of Connecticut River fort towns designed to protect the colonies from Indian attack. For a while, the settlement was known as Great Meadows. When New Hampshire became an independent province, Governor Benning Wentworth granted the town to Thomas Chamberlain and others as Westmoreland. The name was in honor of a relative of the Governor, John Fane, seventh Earl of Westmoreland. The meetinghouse in Westmoreland, built in 1762, has a steeple bell cast by the Paul Revere Foundry.

**Villages and Place Names:** East Westmoreland, Gilboa, Poocham, Westmoreland Depot

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 2,018 residents in 1790



Cheshire County



**Population Trends:** Population change for Westmoreland totaled 950 over 51 years, from 921 in 1960 to 1,871 in 2011. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 45 percent between 1970 and 1980, accounting for nearly half the total numeric increase. The 2011 Census estimate for Westmoreland was 1,871 residents, which ranked 144th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):** 52.4 persons per square mile of land area. Westmoreland contains 35.8 square miles of land area and 1.1 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2012	<b>\$1,240,770</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2011-2012	<b>\$2,394,596</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1957/12</b>
Master Plan	<b>2003</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

**Boards and Commissions**

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library; Budget; Cemetery, Briggs Fund</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Capital Improvement; Joint Loss Mgt.</b>

Public Library      **Westmoreland Public**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>No</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance    Staffed Beds
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>11 miles    140</b>
<b>Brattleboro Memorial, Brattleboro VT</b>	<b>14 miles    61</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business <b>Yes</b>
	Residential <b>Yes</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2011 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.47</b>
2011 Equalization Ratio	<b>96.9</b>
2011 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.81</b>
2011 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>89.3%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>8.4%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.3%</b>

**HOUSING** (ACS 2007-2011)

Total Housing Units	<b>747</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>706</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>23</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>5</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>13</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2011	<b>1,871</b>	<b>76,918</b>
2010	<b>1,874</b>	<b>77,117</b>
2000	<b>1,753</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>1,605</b>	<b>70,223</b>
1980	<b>1,452</b>	<b>62,116</b>
1970	<b>998</b>	<b>52,364</b>

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011**

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>1,072</b>	Female <b>1,004</b>
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		<b>73</b>
Age 5 to 19		<b>375</b>
Age 20 to 34		<b>249</b>
Age 35 to 54		<b>678</b>
Age 55 to 64		<b>275</b>
Age 65 and over		<b>426</b>
Median Age		<b>47.8 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		<b>90.9%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher		<b>33.7%</b>

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$** (ACS 2007-2011)

Per capita income	<b>\$30,871</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$81,389</b>
Median household income	<b>\$75,474</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$51,098</b>
Female	<b>\$33,077</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>2.5%</b>

**LABOR FORCE** (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average	2001	2011
Civilian labor force	<b>928</b>	<b>926</b>
Employed	<b>904</b>	<b>892</b>
Unemployed	<b>24</b>	<b>34</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES** (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2001	2011
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>121</b>	<b>105</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 619</b>	<b>\$ 865</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>365</b>	<b>106</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 847</b>	<b>\$ 613</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>486</b>	<b>211</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 790</b>	<b>\$ 738</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>420</b>	<b>291</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 443</b>	<b>\$ 610</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>906</b>	<b>502</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 629</b>	<b>\$ 664</b>

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Westmoreland operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Keene** District: **SAU 29**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Center of Applied Science, Keene; Fall Mountain High School, Langdon** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			1
Grade Levels	K 1-8			1-8
Total Enrollment	150			12

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 0 Total Capacity: 0

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Franklin Pierce University; Antioch New England**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Maplewood Nursing Home	Nursing Home	200	
Servpro	Cleaning service	8	
Cox Woodworking	Millwork	5	1981
Westmoreland Wood Products	Woodturning	4	1970

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	12, 63
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91 (VT), Exit 3 or 5	
Distance	10 miles; 11 miles	
Railroad	No	
Public Transportation	Yes	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Dillant-Hopkins, Keene</b>	Runway	6,201 ft. asphalt
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	54 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		67 miles
Portland, Maine		160 miles
Boston, Mass.		97 miles
New York City, NY		216 miles
Montreal, Quebec		236 miles

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2007-2011*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.9%
Public transportation	1.4%
Walked	2.6%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	5.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.5 minutes

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011**

Working in community of residence	81.4
Commuting to another NH community	5.5
Commuting out-of-state	13.0

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Snow &amp; Okemo, VT</b>
	Other: